

the Government have not given the final shape to the Annual Plans of these states.

(c) The growth rates and targets of various sectors are not set by Planning Commission as a part of the planning process on annual basis. Allocations to various sectors are finalized only upon approval of the Annual Plan.

(d) No special additional package has been sanctioned to the State of Uttaranchal.

Swa-Niyojan Yojana

203. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1368 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the clarification sought by Government for the "Swa-Niyojan Yojana" have been received; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon, amount allocated and target set for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)(a) and (b) Swa-Niyojan Yojana was included as a part of Annual Plan of Assam for the year 2000-01. Rs. 30 crore for Swa-Niyojan Yojana a self employment for educated youths of the State Government were provided as one time Additional Central Assistance in the Annual Plan 2000-01. Rs. 5 crore were to be borne by the state Government as a part of Annual Plan 2000-01.

The State Government has informed that new scheme titled Chief Minister's 'Swa-Niyojan Yojana', a self-employment programme for generation of self-employment for the unemployed youths was inaugurated on 16th December, 2000. The Yojana includes 41 (forty one) schemes covering 13 (thirteen) important sectors having high employment potential. The sector are Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary,

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Industries & Commerce, Handloom & Textiles, Sericulture, Khadi & Village Industries, Tourism, Transport, Public Distribution system, Employment Opportunities in other parts of the Country and abroad.

In the current year the new scheme is expected to generate employment for around 35,000; of these those directly employed will be around 19,700 and those indirectly employed around 15,300.

Coastal Highway from Balasore to Gopalpur

204. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost of the project to construct a Coastal Highway from Balasore to Gopalpur in Orissa;
- (b) the fund allocation made for the project so far; and
- (c) the steps taken to expedite construction of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD). B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Construction of Coastal Highway from Digha to Gopalpur is in proposal stage only. The State Government has submitted Terms of Reference for conducting Feasibility Study. This is under scrutiny in the Ministry. Details of the estimated cost of the Project will be known after completion of the Feasibility Study. So far no fund has been sanctioned by the Centre for this Project.

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

205. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the details of the State Highways which are proposed to be converted as National Highways in Andhra Pradesh during the year 2000-2001;
- (b) what is the present requirement of length of Highways to be widened to four lanes; and